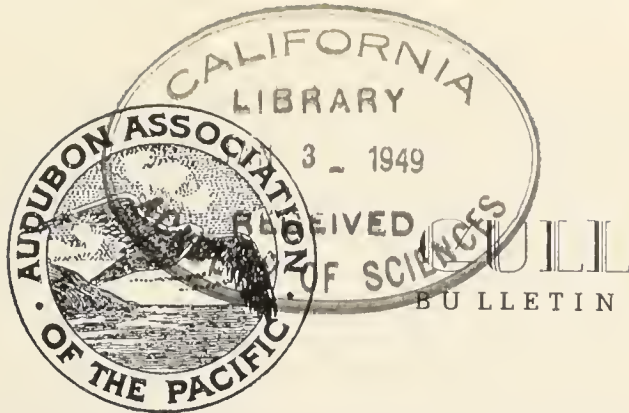


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Thirty Year Anniversary

Here is the story of the fortuitous hatching of that precocious bird, The Gull whose fledgling period was completed in its first flight and thence-forward gallantly soars as respected company among the flocks of Condors, Auks, Bird-Lores, Orioles, Western Tanagers, Audubon Warblers, Sanderlings.

The prayer of its parent is that its 30 years result not in old age but in continuing vitality.

The Gull's First Flight

In its first two years, our young Association was still announcing its meetings and field trips with postal cards. The "Bird Lore," which was sent to its members, lacked Pacific Coast bird news. Already proud of our position and needing to report and record our accomplishments, we felt an obligation to publish our own organ. Timidly we appointed a committee to study the problem and to report its recommendations. The operation involved deciding what should be published, how much, by whom, style and size of the issues, name, cost, etc., so the committee occupied a long period for the incubation of the problem and merely reported "progress", while the Association had to sit and wait.

On Sunday, the 5th of January, 1919, Harold Hansen, the Secretary, and C. B. Lastreto, the President, were at the Chain of Lakes in our reserved area supervising the setting of nest boxes, when they suddenly realized that the notices for the coming Thursday meeting had not been prepared. It should not be that a precedent for tardiness be established! So, get cards. Where? None to be found. Envelopes and stamps? Yes, but no paper. Hansen knew of a Boy Scout with a toy press. They found him at home. Luck! Paper? Yes, but it was $7\frac{1}{2}$ " by $8\frac{1}{2}$ ", and there was no cutter for card size.

Why not our own publication?

The Secretary egged the President on to a bold accomplishment of the Committees' unperformed task. So the young printer was put to work setting type. But what would be the heading and the name? Here is where the egg hatched, and *Larus Californicus*, THE GULL, stepped out with audacity and precocity, its down and pin-feathers emerging, as words were being scribbled by the President and typed by the printer. The Treasurer's report (in the President's pocket) afforded matter for a full page and evidence of autonomous flight. The rest was routine, folding, addressing, stamping, etc., and off through the mails flew THE GULL to all its fellow members, who were proud to have a monthly messenger of their own.

At the next meeting the committee, through its chairman, A. S. Kibbe, announced it had been ready to report, but THE GULL was a "fait accompli" and was already in the sky. It later submitted to the operation of reduction to a smaller, standard size, recommended by engineer Kibbe. Yes, and hasn't *Larus* attained and maintained a respected position in fulfillment of its initial challenge, "Watch me soar!?"

A reprint from THE GULL, December 1942, with the co-operation of Mr. Lastreto, and by request, for this anniversary issue.

— C. B. LASTRETO, *San Francisco, California.*

Thirty Years of Soaring

"WATCH ME SOAR" was the slogan as "The Gull" first spread its wings in January 1919. Since that time it has been on the wing constantly and soaring widely. The following few illustrations will show the extent of its flight.

Smithsonian Institution, United States National Museum, and Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D. C.; The American Museum of Natural History, and American Ornithologists' Union, New York; Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University; Wildlife Research, Boston, Mass.; Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan; Georgia Ornithological Society, University of Georgia; Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Cleveland, Ohio; Wood Library of Ornithology, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

In The Gull of July 1943, Volume 25, Number 7 a complete Complimentary Exchange List was published.

New Bird Work

The Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club is inviting all interested bird observers to participate in a study of the 1949 Nesting Season in five Bay Area counties. The instructions are simple and the blanks easy to fill out. Any one or all of twenty species may be observed and one or many records may be taken. The reports are returned to the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, where a Research Committee will edit them for use by bird students here and in other parts of the country where similar projects are being launched. This study will add great interest to individual and group field trips also will be an incentive to watch more closely our immediate areas. Blanks will be available at the regular meetings also from Mrs. Harold C. Austin, 1116 Mandana Boulevard, Oakland, 10.

ENID AUSTIN, *Program Committee.*

December Field Trip

The annual Lake Merritt water bird count was taken December 12th! Continual rain did not dampen the ardor of twenty-six members and guests who gathered to help the leader. Eight groups were formed to count certain species and then again met at the Oakland Museum for reports at 1 P. M.

After lunch Mr. Paul Covell, Park Naturalist, showed a colored film of the birds of Lake Merritt which was taken by our member Laurel Reynolds.

1948 marks the thirty-second annual field trip to Lake Merritt.

Species seen this year, fifty-six; thirty water and twenty-six land. # denotes pinioned birds.

Horned Grebe 1	American Golden-eye 47	Bush-tit 40
Eared Grebe 49	Ruddy Duck 143	Robin 110
Pied-billed Grebe 29	Coot 968	Varied Thrush 1
White Pelican 1	Spotted Sandpiper 1	Hermit Thrush 3
Double-crested	Heerman Gull 1	Ruby-crowned Kinglet 5
Cormorant 67	Ring-billed Gull 80	American Pipit 1
Great Blue Heron 1	Short-billed Gull 2	Cedar Waxwing 101
Common Egret 17	Herring Gull 4	Myrtle Warbler 1
Black-crowned	California Gull 181	Audubon Warbler 9
Night Heron 105	Glaucous-winged Gull 60	English Sparrow 38
# Canada Goose 2	Bonaparte Gull 65	Brewer Blackbird 54
# Cackling Goose 2	Forster Tern 24	Cal. Purple Finch 7
# Snow Goose 2	Sparrow Hawk 1	House Finch 8
# Ross Goose 1	California Quail 1	Spotted Towhee 2
Mallard 332	Anna Hummingbird 3	Brown Towhee 5
Baldpate 750	Red-shafted Flicker 3	Oregon Junco 4
Pintail 888	Black Phoebe 1	White-cr. Sparrow 25
# Redhead 1	California Jay 8	Golden-cr. Sparrow 6
Canvas-back 352	Plain Titmouse 2	Song Sparrow 3
Scaup 35		

ENID AUSTIN, *Leader and Historian*.

Charles Alfred Bryant

In the death of Charles Bryant, our Association has lost one of its long-term dependable members and friends. He died suddenly December 11, 1948.

His personal interests were numerous and varied, excelling in all: geology, mineralogy, photography, and ornithology.

He became a member in 1925, rendering many services because of his belief in the worthwhileness of our Association. From 1929 to 1933 and in 1935 he was Chairman of the Field Trips; Treasurer 1927 and 1928; Director 1929 and 1930; Recording Secretary 1931, and President 1933.

His literary contributions to THE GULL were many valuable and interesting Historian's records and "REVIEW OF ATTAINMENT", November 1929, a timely article of stimulation.

Our sincere friend has passed on.

BESSIE W. KIBBE.

New Members

We welcome the following new members: From San Francisco, Mrs. Archibald Reid Dennis, Mr. J. A. Ducournau, Mrs. Vivian C. Edmonston, Mr. Charles Trilling. From Oakland: Mrs. Mabel D. Bowman, Miss Nine M. Brodrick, Mr. Maurice du R. Phelan, Mr. William E. Christensen, Mrs. Maurice C. Cox, Mr. & Mrs. Albert S. Day, Miss Alexandra De Fremery, Mrs. M. A. Dressler, Dr. J. Lloyd Eaton, Mrs. Gladys Gerringer, Mr. & Mrs. George Trueblood, Mrs. Marion D. Zimmermann. From Lafayette: Miss Golden L. Downing.

Observations

Edited by MRS. JUNE A. W. KELLY

The following observations have been reported:

1 Immature Harris Sparrow, Nov. 22 & Dec. 17, at feeding tray, 662 Santa Rosa Ave., Berkeley. 1 White-throated Sparrow, Dec. 11, Arlington Ave., Berkeley: Russell N. Pray.

Holboell Grebe, Nov. 16, Berkeley Aquatic Park: Herman V. Leffler.

500 Band-tailed Pigeons; Water Ouzel; Many Varied Thrushes; Golden-crowned Kinglets and Mountain Chickadees, Oct. 27, Anderson Springs, Lake Co. Joseph J. Webb.

January Meeting

The 376th meeting of the Audubon Association of the Pacific will be held Thursday, January 13th at 8 p. m. in the Oakland Public Museum, Lake Merritt, 14th & Oak Sts. There will be Election of Officers and discussion of a change of name to one more accurately descriptive geographically. Come with suggestions. Mrs. Junea W. Kelly, well-known Ornithologist, will be the speaker of the evening. Her subject, "Let's look at the Sparrows." No host dinner at Zerikotes', Lake Merritt at 6 p. m.

January Field Trip

Sunday, the 16th to the University Campus, Berkeley. Meet at Oxford and University Ave. at 9:30 a. m. Take 9:03 a. m. "F" train from San Francisco, get off at University Ave. This group will be led by Mr. Harold G. Peterson.

A second group, traveling by autos, will meet at the KRE pool, on Ashby Ave. just east of the East Bay Shore Highway at 9 a. m. They will visit Aquatic Park and later join the Campus group. Mr. Wm. M. Pursell will be guest leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Myer have extended an invitation to enjoy a cup of coffee at their home, 25 El Camino Real, at 1 p. m. Bring lunch and binoculars.

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